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CLASS ACT – JMG STUDENTS ACCEPT AWARD FROM SCHOOL BOARD

HELENA - - - Three high school students, enrolled in Job's for Montana's Graduates (JMG), will be honored by the Helena School Board on December 13, 7:00 PM, at the Alternative Learning Center, 1325 Poplar.

JMG provides competency-based instruction including units on career planning and decision-making, job seeking, job retention, basic academics, leadership and self-development and personal skills. It provides work-based learning opportunities to nearly 600 at-risk Montana students.

Honored students are:

- Jaimee Little, of Helena High, wrote the winning letter for the Fall Competitive Event and is selected to attend the National JAG Leadership Conference.
- African born, Faith Grove, of Capital High, is being recognized for singing the National Anthem at the Fall Leadership Conference.
- Lisa Wise, Project for Alternative Learning (PAL), won the Logo Event at the Fall Conference.

The ultimate objective of Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) is for students to secure a quality job and/or postsecondary education leading to a meaningful career. JMG believes the best way to achieve this objective is to keep students in school through their graduation and to improve their rate of success by acquiring employability competencies before leaving high school.

At risk students enrolled in the JMG program have a 94% high school graduation rate.

For more information about the JMG program, contact Drea Brown, Program Manager, in Helena at 406/444-0978.

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